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Serial Nos. 1 & 2

Part B for July 1920

SUBJECT.

R.A. Subject No 39 Re. Registration of Purchasers of General Stamps Papers.

8(1) From Mr Co. Sivaramaiah, Member of Board of Revenue Represents that Stamp Vendors may be required to take the Signature or Thumb impression of the person to whom a general Stamps is sold.

8(2) To the Commissioner of Stamps
" Dy Com^r of Dists
" Heads of other Depts
No 86-8-111 Dy 16-1-20
Direct. Certain Modifications in Rules 72 & 78 of the Rules for the manufacture, Custody & Sale of Stamps.

Mrs Abdul Rahman
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FILE HEADING.

R. A. Subject no 29. Signature of purchasers of Genna Stamps papers.

From

Mr. C. Sivaramakrishna Iyer

No.	Dated	Received

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Represents that Stamp Vendors may be required to take the signature or thumb-impression of the person to whom a general Stamp is sold.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

1) The Commissioner of Stamps may be consulted. Submitted with draft.

NG 28/4 (Third member)

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2) Please pass up previous files relating to the subject

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9	The attention of the Stamp Comm^r may be invited to the Bombay rules and his opinion invited on the representation. MK 12/12
10	(Third memo) What are the rules on the subject in this respect? Is the Bombay system of obtaining the thumb impression of purchasers of stamps in force here or in any of the other Provinces? Is any of the evidence on the point? 12/12 Compare put up. MK 16/12
11	Submitted. A statement showing the procedure that is obtaining in the various important provinces of Br. India is put up. The practice of taking signature is prevalent in Bombay, Dn. Central Provinces and Punjab (with the consent of the party) and in Madras Bengal and United Provinces no such sign^s are taken by Revenue authorities. MK 23/12 23/12 (Third memo)

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Let Comm^r-back
Comm^r Bombay for
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(3) The question of obtaining the signature or thumb impression of purchasers on the stamp papers purchased by them is being repeatedly pressed for the consideration of Government in the Representative Assembly; and every time that it came up the Government have declined to adopt the suggestion, the last order of Government in the matter being that dated 11-7-1916. I do not myself think that there is anything ~~unreason~~ Mr. Chetty able or impracticable in the proposal. Moreover, it is ascertained that the practice of obtaining the signature or thumb impression of the purchaser on the stamp paper is in force in certain provinces of British India - such as Bombay, Punjab and the Central Provinces, and we may be sure that they would not have adopted it if there was anything objectionable in it.

4. I would therefore suggest that the matter may be reconsidered if the Dewan approves.

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16. Draft order to be put up accordingly

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Submitted for orders whether the question is to be reconsidered as directed in para 14 of the 3rd Member's minute supra (eg inviting the opinion of the Stamp Commr as proposed in para 9 supra or a draft order as directed in para 15 of the rules. In the case of the latter orders are solicited as to whether orders are to issue on the lines of the Madras Rules or Bombay Rules

3/2 23/2/20

15. In this order dated 1-7-16 what is now to be reconsidered. The opinion of the Stamp Commr is to be called for first

(Rev: Secy)

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(3rd member)

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19. A set of drafts rules as in force in Bombay or Central Provinces & Punjab may be put up for discussion & consideration

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for which there is a draft in the file

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22. A Statement showing the procedure that is prevalent in the provinces referred to is put up along with the Stamp Manual of those provinces.

Kind attention is invited to item No 58 of the statement of promises made by the Dewan to the R. Assembly of October 19[illegible], in reply to subject No 53 re the general special number to stamp papers.

The RM
24/2 25/2/20

24. put up E

The Punjab rule may well be taken as a basis for the discussion & reference by the Stamps Committee in the first instance.

Members notes to be stated on this point by

(Rev Secy) 1.3.20

25. Why not? What is the objection pending this file again? Please comply with instructions at para 18.

Please bring up 4th inst 13.3.

HM
13.3.20

23. Rule

Draft outline lines indicated & as personally instructed are submitted.

The RM 2nd Set of draft rules submitted 31/3 with reference to Para 18.

HM.
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(H. Tinker)

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I have depeched my memory by finding this the rules in force at present in Bombay & the Punjab & I do not see that the practice is quite obligatory anywhere. This subject was very carefully considered by me when I was St. Commr myself & I also submitted my views as such to the Govt in 1916. (Vide the No 5333 of 19.4.16). For the reasons mentioned by me in that letter it does not appear that any useful purpose will be served by adopting the procedure dealt with in this paper. There is no rule making it obligatory on the users of the paper to purchase it himself, nor is there any rule preventing the use of such a paper by any one of the kind the purchasers. If however it is considered desirable to meet the representation in the matter I shall no press my views. I shd suggest the Govt Adv. or the Chief Court being consulted at this stage.

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27517	26. Forwarded unofficially to the Government Advocate for favour of opinion. By order H V Ramachandra for Secy to Govt Rev Dept. 7/4
	27. There is no legal objection to purchasers of Stamp papers being invited to affix their signatures or thumb impressions, as the case may be on the back of the Stamp papers, as also to the corresponding entry in the Vendors' Sale Register. 10.4.20
	28. In view of the Dewan's promise to re-consider the subject, it is a point for orders whether the file has to be submitted to the Dewan. submitted with reference to para 24 of the rules for orders, 25-4-20

Put up with file Government Advocate in file with his remarks to the Chief Secretary.

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Rev. Secy. G.O. 79/19-20 12.4.20

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29.

The reply of the Govt. advocate does not throw much light on the subject. Of course there is no legal objection, otherwise the Punjab & Bombay Govts would hardly have prescribed such a course. The point was if it could be made obligatory on the purchasers to sign or affix thumb impressions himself.

It is for orders if the Chief Court may now be consulted

H Member.

16.4.

30. That there is no legal objection to adopt the procedure has been more or less understood. But the point for consideration is whether it is desirable or necessary to adopt the procedure. & about this there is some difference of opinion. But as already observed I do not wish to press my own views in the matter. The procedure may be adopted & given a fair trial if it is so desired

(The Dewan.)

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	31. This matter has been repeatedly brought to the notice of Government and I think that we may well adopt it as a concession to Public opinion, particularly as it is in force in parts of British India. It does not appear that the draft rules have all been scrutinised by the Government Advocate. They may be considered finally and issued after he has scrutinised them.
	21.4.20
O.C. No. 124 24.4.20	32. Forwarded, with compliments, to the Govt. Advocate.
	K. Ramaswamy 24.4.20. Rev Secy.
Rev Secy All 29/4/20 1920 II	
R.O. No. 89/19-20	33. The point on which the opinion of the Govt. advocate was called for in the reference of 9.4.20 was not apparent from the various notes in the file. The note of the 2nd Member dated 6.4.20 suggested the idea that the change of system proposed would not serve any useful purpose, but at the same time he would not press his own views in the matter. In the absence of any information as to the particular

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point on which the G.A's opinion was required. I thought that the reference was intended to elicit from me an opinion as to the existence or otherwise of any legal impediment in Mysore to the introduction of the proposed System having regard to the Regulations in force in the State. As without a change in the existing law the purchasers of Stamps could not be compelled to affix their signatures or thumb impressions, it will not be possible to make it obligatory on them to do so by mere rules under the Stamp law. I therefore suggested that the purchasers might be invited as is done in the Provinces indicated in the notes to put their signatures or thumb impressions if they had no objection to do so. If my opinion was required as to whether the System could be introduced as an obligatory measure I think I have answered it. But if what was wanted was my opinion as to whether it was desirable or necessary, I should say that I did not understand the reference in that light, as I had

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always been opinion that the expediency of a measure was a point mainly for the administrative dept to consider.

34. Turning now to the draft rules I would retain as much as possible of the existing rules & only add so much as is necessary to give effect to the proposed addition. It appears to me to be sufficient if Rule 72 & 75 of the existing rules are amended in the following manner: —

Rule 72.

(a) Between the words 'name' and 'residence' wherever those words occur, insert the word 'description'.

(b) After the words "his own signature" add the words: — "And if the purchaser has no objection then his signature if he is literate or his left thumb impression if illiterate".

Rule 75 -

(a) Between the words 'Keep' and 'a' in line 1 insert the words "in a register prescribed for that purpose"

(b) For the words "the name of the party to whom sold" substitute "the name description and residence

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of the party to whom sold and if the stamp is purchased on behalf of a person other than the actual purchaser the name description & residence of that person

(C) after the words "and the amount paid into treasury" add

"the purpose for which the purchaser states that the stamp is purchased the signature or left thumb impression of the purchaser if he consents to sign the entry and if he does not consent the reasons for his not consenting in case the purchaser states his reasons"

I have no other suggestions to make.

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27.4.20

35. Attention is invited to the Govt. Advocate's opinion contained in para 33 of the notes, in which he says that the Stamp Regulation will have to amended if every purchaser of stamps is to be compelled to sign his name or give his thumb impression in a register. ~~Rules~~

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If the proposed new procedure has to be made obligatory on every purchaser of stamps, action will have to be taken in the first place in the Protection Branch to amend the Stamp Regulation suitably before the proposed amendments to the Stamp Rules can issue.

36. If however the Signature of the purchaser is to be taken only ~~in cases~~ where he is willing to do so, the draft Rules ~~are~~ in the file may, if approved, issue with the modifications suggested by the Govt. Advocate.

Submitted for orders.

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2nd member & Dewan.

2.6.20.

37. If the procedure is to be optional then

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An amendment on the lines indicated by the G. A. in the rules under the Regn would serve the purpose. But if the procedure is to be made obligatory then the Regn would also require to be amended & this as a matter for the Legis. Council. It seems to me that an amendment of the rules made on Executive order of Govt. may not be ultra vires. If this is found to be unequal to requirements then amendment of Regn may be had recourse to.

Rec'd 6.6.20

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As is clear from the notes, the procedure is not obligatory in British India where the purchasers of stamp papers are only "invited" to affix thumb impressions. The same procedure may be followed here also and the alteration in the rules proposed by the Government Advocate may be given effect to by an executive order of Government issued under the Regulation.

24.6.20

Put up clean typed draft accepting ~~with~~ embodying also the suggestions of the Govt. Advocate.

24.6.20

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Typed clean draft as directed in form Supg is submitted

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Draft approved

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2. Rec'd of Stamps on Hydrs Dy Comrs & Dist Members of other Departments Vr R.6 S.D. 717 SR 15.A.2 d. 16.7.20 Suggested Fee modifications to Rules 72 and 75 of the Rules re Licensing Manufacture, Custody & Sale of Stamps.

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SUBJECT No. 39.

Signature of purchasers of General Stamp papers.

Mr. G. Sivaramiah, Tumkur District Board.

Summary of discussion.—Stamp Vendors may be required to take the signature or thumb impression of the persons to whom a general stamp is sold.

Dewan.—If it is proved that the arrangement proposed is necessary and convenient, Government will reconsider their orders of 1914 and 1916 and do what they can in the matter.

Mr. C. S. Doraswâmi Iyer (to the member).—Do you want signatures to be taken of the man who wants the stamp papers or of the man who goes to purchase the paper?

Mr. Sivaramiah.—I want the signatures of both to be taken. Formerly, the names of both these men as well as the object for taking the paper used to be entered. There was then no chance of forgery.

Mr. C. S. Doraswami Iyer.—This is not usually done everywhere.

Mr. Narasimiah.—That is being done. In fact it should be so done.

Dewan.—The question will be considered again. We will note it.

Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. R. 658-717— St. 15-19-2, dated 16th July 1920.

Signature or thumb impression of purchasers of Stamps.

Directs that stamp vendors be required to obtain the— , in cases where the purchaser is willing to do so.

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S. O.

Signature or thumb impression of purchasers of Stamps.

No. R. 658-717—St. 15-19-2, dated 16th July 1920.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

Read:—

Government Order No. Fl. 2270-70—S. R. 179-13-4, dated 2nd November 1916 framing rules regulating the manufacture, custody, etc., of stamps.

Subject No. 39 of the Proceedings of the Representative Assembly of the October Session of 1918, requesting that stamp vendors may be required to take the signature or the thumb impression of the persons to whom a general stamp is sold.

Order No. R. 658-717—St. 15-19-2, dated 16th July 1920.

Government are pleased to direct that rules 72 and 75 of the rules regulating the manufacture, custody, etc., of stamps, issued with the Government Order read above, be modified as follows with a view to require stamp vendors to obtain the signature or thumb impression of the purchaser of stamps in cases where the purchaser is willing to do so:—

Rule 72. (*a*) Between the words 'name' and 'and residence' wherever those words occur insert the word 'description.'

(*b*) after the words "his own signature" add the words "and, if the purchaser has no objection, then his signature if he is literate, or his left thumb impression if illiterate".

Rule 75. (*a*) Between the words 'keep' and 'a' in line 1 insert the words "in a register prescribed for the purpose."

(*b*) For the words "the name of the party to whom sold" in line 2 substitute "the name, description and residence of the party to whom sold, and if the stamp is purchased on behalf of a person other than the actual purchaser the name, description and residence of that person."

(*c*) After the words "and the amount paid into the treasury" in line 3 add "the purpose for which the purchaser states that the stamp is purchased, the signature or left thumb impression of the purchaser if he consents to sign the entry, and if he does not consent, the reasons for his not consenting in case the purchaser states his reasons."

B. RAMASWAMAIYA,.
Secy. to Govt., Revenue Dept.

To—The Commissioner of Stamps in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Heads of other Departments.

PRESS TABLE.

Exd.—T. N.

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Date of issue 16.7.20

Signed by H. V. Ramaswamy

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published in the Gazette, English Part ? ✓ Yes

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v placed at the disposal of the press ? Yes

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read—

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signature or thumb impression of the purchaser of stamps in cases where the purchaser is willing to do so:-

Rule 72

(a) Between the words 'name' and 'residence" wherever those words occur insert the word 'description'

(b) After the words "his own signature" add the words-"and, if the purchaser has no objection, then his signature if he is literate, or his left thumb impression if illiterate"

Rule 75

(a) Between the words 'keep' and 'a' in line 1 insert the words "in a register prescribed for the purpose"

(b) For the words "the name of the party to whom sold" in line 2 substitute "the name, description and residence of the party to whom sold, and if the stamp is purchased on behalf of a person other than the actual purchaser the name, description and residence of that person."

(c) after the words "and the amount paid into Treasury" in line 3 add "the purpose ~~of~~ for which the purchaser states that the stamp is purchased, the signature or left thumb impression of the purchaser if he consents to sign the entry, and if he does not consent the reasons for his not consenting in case the purchaser states his reasons."

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